

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

In accordance with one aspect of the present invention, a large reservoir is provided having an extensive surface over which water ~~circulate~~ circulates to a drinking bowl, affording the pet the ability to drink either from the running water on the surface of the tank or from the bowl to which the water flows from the surface, the water in the bowl itself being continuously in motion as well.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

In accordance with another aspect of the present invention, the water reservoir or tank is dome shaped and the large surface serves not only as a large drinking surface for the pet, but also provides a large surface ~~[[or]]~~ for oxygenation of the water circulating between the bowl and the surface.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

In accordance with another aspect of the present invention the tank is disposed on a base having a well below the tank. Water in the well passes through a filter and thereafter is pumped up a duct that extends through the tank, and the water spills out of the top of the duct onto its surface. The water then flows down the surface of the tank and a portion of the water flows directly into the bowl which is beside the tank. The rest of the water flowing down the surface of the tank is collected in a gutter that directs it into the bowl. In the preferred embodiment the gutter is inclined to cause the water to flow in one direction and thereafter circulation in the bowl so as to avoid stagnation.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

In accordance with yet another aspect of the present invention, the tank has a convenient handle attached to the duct so that the tank may be lifted from the base and carried to a source of water ~~so that~~ where it may easily be refilled.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

In accordance with another aspect of this invention shown in FIG. 9, means may be provided to assist in separating the dome 80a from the bottom cover 82a, which in some instances may be impeded by the seal formed by the gaskets 96 and 98. In accordance with the embodiment of FIG. 9, the means comprises a device for preventing separation of the retainer 102a from the bottom cover 82a so that when the retainer is rotated, the mating threaded parts of the retainer and duct 104a will force relative axial movement of the dome and bottom cover. In the specific arrangement shown, a pair of extractors 170 are secured to the bottom side of the bottom cover 82a approximately diametrically opposite one another, by screws 172. Preferably the extractors are permanently secured to the bottom cover 82a, and other types of fasteners may be employed for that purpose as well. The extractors 170 have flanges 174 that overlap the bottom edge 176 of the retainer so that the retainer is afforded limited axial movement on the bottom cover. This enables the retainer to turn freely on the cover so that it can draw the duct 104a of dome 80a tightly against the cover to form seals at the gaskets. When the retainer is turned in the opposite direction, the duct 104a will be forced axially away from the bottom cover and break the seals formed by the gaskets 96 and 98.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

The bottom cover 82 in the lower surface of the trough 90 includes a passage 120 (see FIGS. 5-7) surrounded by a collar 122 that includes a frame 124 for supporting the stem 126 of valve 128 that controls the flow of water from the tank through the opening 120. The valve 128 is biased to the closed position shown in FIG. 6 by a coil spring 130 carried on the valve stem 126 and bearing against the stem head 132 and the frame 124. The spring biases the valve 128 to the closed position but is automatically moved to the open position shown in FIG. 5 when the tank assembly 22 is placed on the base. The valve is opened by virtue of the stem head 132

engaging the post 50 in the well 44 of the base when the tank assembly is placed on the tank receptacle 30. When the tank assembly for any reason is removed from the base 20, the valve automatically closes so as to prevent water in the tank from flowing out opening 120. In FIG. 7 the valve 128 is shown in the locked open position, that is, the valve is raised off the valve seat defined at the opening 120 without support from an external force. This is achieved by manually moving the valve to the ~~opening~~ open position and thereafter rotating the stem 126 90° as suggested in FIG. 7A so that the ribs 127 on opposite sides of the stem are misaligned with the slots 129 in the frame 124 and the lower ends 131 of the ribs engage the top of the frame. To release the valve 128 to the bias imposed by the spring 130, the valve is rotated 90° back to the position of FIG. 6 to align the ribs 127 with the slots 129, and the valve will close unless movement of the stem is impeded as shown in FIG. 5. Other expedients as well may be used to hold the valve open, such as detents, clamps, spring loaded pins, etc.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

In the embodiment illustrated, the surface 84 of the dome 80 is smooth and ~~cause~~ causes water to flow smoothly down its surface. The surface, however, may be textured or be provided with a special shape to simulate a rock or other mass commonly found in streams of flowing water.